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El Malpais Utilizing Wildland Fire To Improve Malpais Ecology

El Malpais National Monument is currently managing a three acre lightning-caused fire known as the Braided Cave Fire to improve malpais ecology and prevent catastrophic fires in the future. The Braided Cave Fire was started by a lightning strike and reported on August 13th. The fire is located about 3 miles south-southeast of Cerro Rendija. El Malpais fire management personnel are monitoring the fire on a daily basis. The spread rate has been low with little growth over the past 24 hours.

For more information about the Braided Cave Fire, contact Fire Management Officer Kevin Parrish at 505-285-4641, extension 35.

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